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### **Updates on Ebola Virus Disease Information and Resources**

#### **New or Updated Resources from DHEC:**

The following documents are now available on the DHEC website:

- Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) Patient Evaluation Algorithm for health care providers
- General EVD screening recommendations for international travelers
- Updated EVD screening tool for colleges and universities

Each document can be found at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/FHPF/HealthAlertsNotifications/ebola/>

#### **General Ebola Updates:**

- According to the CDC, the EVD outbreak is worsening and efforts with other U.S government agencies and international partners are taking place to respond to the rapidly changing situation.
- As of **September 13, 2014** the number of Ebola cases and deaths in West Africa are as follows:
  - Total Case Count: 4985
  - Total Deaths: 2461
  - Laboratory Confirmed Cases: 3017
- Countries with confirmed cases of Ebola associated with the ongoing outbreak in West Africa include: Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria (Lagos and Port Harcourt), Senegal (Dakar), and Sierra Leone
- The Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has reported cases of Ebola in a small region of the country (Tshuapa District).
  - Although these cases are not related to the West Africa outbreak, this country is considered an EVD-affected area and international travelers from DRC should be included in EVD screenings.
  - Additional information about the DRC EVD outbreak is available at:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/drc/2014-august.html>
- As of **September 16, 2014**, no confirmed EVD cases have been reported in the United States
  - Four health care workers, who were infected with EVD, have been medically evacuated and transported to hospitals in the United States. Two of those patients have been released after laboratory testing confirmed that they no longer have EVD.
  - CDC has received many calls from health departments and hospitals throughout the country about suspected cases of Ebola in travelers from the affected countries. These calls have been triaged appropriately and some samples have been sent to CDC for testing. All samples sent to CDC have so far been negative.

**New or Updated Resources from the CDC:**

- Resources for Travelers and Travel Advisory Updates: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/ebola-outbreak-communication-resources>
- Updates about the CDC Response and Ebola Surge: <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2014/s0914-ebola-surge.html>
- Health Care Facility Preparedness Checklist for Ebola Virus Disease: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/healthcare-facility-checklist-for-ebola.pdf>
- Health Care Provider Preparedness Checklist for Ebola Virus Disease: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/pdf/healthcare-provider-checklist-for-ebola.pdf>
- How U.S. Clinical Laboratories Can Safely Manage Specimens from Persons Under Investigation for Ebola Virus Disease: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/safe-specimen-management.html>
- Advice for Colleges, Universities and Students about Ebola in West Africa: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/advice-for-colleges-universities-and-students-about-ebola-in-west-africa>
- CDC Safety Training Course for Healthcare Workers Going to west Africa in Response to the 2014 Ebola Outbreak: <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/hcp/safety-training-course/index.html>
- CDC EVD Communication Resources (infographics, brochures, posters): <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/resources/index.html>

## DHEC contact information for reportable diseases and reporting requirements

Reporting of Ebola Virus Disease is consistent with South Carolina Law requiring the reporting of diseases and conditions to your state or local public health department. (State Law # 44-29-10 and Regulation # 61-20) as per the DHEC 2014 List of Reportable Conditions available at:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/Library/CR-009025.pdf>

Federal HIPAA legislation allows disclosure of protected health information, without consent of the individual, to public health authorities to collect and receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease. (HIPAA 45 CFR §164.512).

### Regional Public Health Offices – 2014

**Mail or call reports to the Epidemiology Office in each Public Health Region.**

#### **LOW COUNTRY PUBLIC HEALTH REGION**

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